A description will now be given of another form of the holding means, with reference to FIGS. **12** and **13**. These figures show a form of the holding means of the speakers **30** and **31** of FIGS. **1** and **2**.

The holding means **150** makes use of magnetic attractive force. As shown in FIGS. **12** and **13**, the speaker **31** (and the speaker **30**) each have protrusions **134** with two iron portions **134**A and **134**B, between which two iron portions **134**A and **134**B is provided a magnet **134**C. (The protrusions **135** of the speakers **30** and **31** have the same structure.)

As shown in FIGS. **12** and **13**, an iron plate **44** is disposed in the recesses **44** at the left side **22** and at the right side **23**, of the display portion **3**. (An iron plate is similarly disposed in the recesses **45** at the left side **22** and at the right side **23**.) Bringing the iron portions **134**A and **134**B of each protrusion **134** causes the associated iron plate **44**A of each recess **44** to be magnetically attracted to the associated iron portions **134**A and **134**B of each protrusion **134**. (This also applies to the iron portions of each protrusion **135**.) This allows the speakers **30** and **31** to be removably secured to the display portion **3**.

A description will now be given of still another form of the holding means, with reference to FIGS. **14** and **15**.

FIGS. **14** and **15** correspond to FIGS. **12** and **13**. The holding means of FIGS. **14** and **15** also makes use of magnetic attractive force. The structure of the recesses **44** and **45** of the display portion **3** is substantially the same as the structure of the recesses **44** and **45** shown in FIG. **12**. However, there is a slight difference in the structure of the protrusions **234** and the protrusions **235** of the speaker **30** and **31**. In the structure of FIGS. **14** and **15**, a magnet **234**C is disposed between the iron portions **234**A and **234**B of each protrusion **234**. (A magnet is also disposed between the iron portions of each protrusion **235**.) The speaker **31** has resin portions **31**D, which protrude at the outer sides of the iron portions **234**A and **234**B. (The speaker **30** also has similar resin portions.)

The resin portions **31**D are positioned at the outer sides of the iron portions **234**A and **234**B of each protrusion **234**. The amount of protrusion of the protruding resin portions **31**D is greater than that of the iron portions **234**A and **234**B at the outer sides, by an amount equal to E. As a result, the resin portions **31**D of each protrusion **234** hides and protects the iron portions **234**A and **234**B of each protrusion **234**. Consequently, even when the speakers **30** and **31**, which have been removed from the display portion, are placed on, for example, a desk, the iron portions **234**A and **234**B of each protrusion **234** do not directly contact the desk, thereby preventing them from magnetically and electrically affecting other devices.

A description will now be given of another form of accessory mounting in accordance with the present invention, with reference to FIGS. **16** to **18**.

In FIG. **16**, the speaker **31** is mounted to the right side **23** of the display portion **3**, whereas another type of accessory, such as a portable telephone, is mechanically and electrically connected to the left side **22** of the display portion **3** so that the portable telephone can be removed from the left side **22**. The accessory **330**, such as a portable telephone or a radio device, has protrusions **334** and **335** as well as a protruding electrically connecting terminal **333**. The protrusions **334** and **335** can be mechanically fitted to and held by their respective recesses **44** and **45** at the left side **22** of the display portion **3**, and the electrically connecting terminal **333** can be electrically connected to the electrically connecting terminal **43** at the left side **22**.

In the example of accessory mounting in FIG. **17**, a stereo microphone **400** is mounted to the top side **21** of the display portion **3**, in addition to the speakers **30** and **31** that are mounted, respectively, to the left side **22** and the right side **23** of the display portion **3**. The stereo microphone **400** has protrusions **434** and **435** as well as a protruding electrically connecting terminal **433**.

The top side **21** of the display portion **3** has recesses **444** and **445** as well as a recessed electrically connecting terminal **443**. The protrusions **434** and **435** of the microphone **400** can be fitted to the corresponding recesses **444** and **445** of the top side **21**, while the electrically connecting terminal **433** can be electrically connected to the protruding electrically connecting terminal **443**.

In the example of accessory mounting in FIG. **18**, an image pickup camera, such as a CCD (charge-coupled device) camera **500**, is mounted to the top side **21** of the display portion **3**. The image pickup camera **500** has protrusions **534** and **535** as well as an electrically connecting terminal **533**. The top side **21** has, as mentioned above, recesses **544** and **545** and a recessed electrically connecting terminal **543**. The protrusions **534** and **535** of the microphone **500** can be mechanically fitted to and held by the recesses **544** and **545** of the top side **21**, respectively, and the electrically connecting terminal **533** can be fitted and electrically connected to the electrically connecting terminal **543**.

It is to be noted the present invention is not limited to the above-described forms.

Although in the above-described forms of the holding means, such as the form shown in FIG. **11**, the protrusions are shaped so that they can be snappingly fitted to their corresponding recesses, the protrusions may be shaped differently. In addition, although in the above-described embodiment a portable computer was used as the portable electronic device, other portable electronic devices, such as a portable information terminal, may also be used in other embodiments.

Further, although in the foregoing description a speaker, a camera, a microphone, and a radio device or portable telephone, were used as accessory, other types of accessories may obviously be used.

Although in the foregoing description the protrusions were formed at the accessories, such as the speakers **30** and **31**, and the recesses were formed in the display portion **3**, the protrusions may be formed in the display portion **3** and the recesses may be formed in the accessories.

As can be understood from the foregoing description, according to the present invention, accessories can be removably provided at external surfaces, around the display screen, of the display portion.

What is claimed is:

1. A portable electronic device, comprising:

a body;

a display portion openable and closeable with respect to said body;

holding means, provided at an external surface, around a display screen, of said display portion, for mechanically and removably holding an accessory, said holding means comprising a recess in said display portion for fitting thereinto a protrusion of the accessory; and

electrically connecting means for electrically and removably connecting the accessory to the display portion; and

wherein said protrusion of said accessory includes a magnet which is magnetically attracted to a metal portion of said recess of said display portion so as to